

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

**RONALD N. YEAPLE**

**Serial No. To Be Assigned**

**Filing Date: Of Even Date Herewith**

For: **BOOKBINDING MACHINE AND METHOD  
FOR INDIVIDUAL BOOKBINDING  
SYSTEM**

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO MPEP 708.02 IV**

Comes now the Applicant, Ronald N. Yeaple, in the above-identified patent application, and respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to grant accelerated status for the prosecution of this application.

This Petition is supported by the attached Affidavit of Inventor Ronald N. Yeaple, indicating his age as 68 years, and pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 708.02 IV, serves as the basis for requesting accelerated prosecution. A favorable decision on this Petition is respectfully solicited.

If the further prosecution of this Petition can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Commissioner's Office and the undersigned, the Office is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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